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Usage of Agro-Textiles
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the scheme for usage of Agrotextiles in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including Objectives achieved, State-wise;

(c) whether any central assistance has been given to various states including Maharashtra for implementation of the said scheme during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b). Yes, Madam. Ministry of Textiles is implementing two schemes for promoting usage of Agrotextiles as under:-

(i) Scheme for Promoting Usage of Agrotextiles in North-Eastern (NE) Region:- It is a five year scheme under the 12th five year plan with a total outlay of Rs.55 crore. The objective of the scheme is to encourage utilization of Agrotextiles in improving the agriculture, horticulture, floricultural and sericulture produce of the N-E States. Under the Scheme, demonstration centres depicting the benefit of usage of Agrotextile products are being set up with 100% Govt. support with upper limit of Rs. 20 lakhs per demonstration centre. Training is being imparted to farmers and agrotextile kits would be disbursed to the trained farmers with 90% contribution by the Government and 10% contribution from farmers/state Government with upper limit of Central Govt. Contribution of Rs. 5 lakhs per farmer. With increase in usage of agrotextiles, it is expected that it would benefit both agriculturists as well as textile entrepreneurs in the country. The State-wise details is at Annex-I.

(ii) Scheme for Promoting Usage of Agrotextiles in India (excluding North Eastern States):- This scheme is broadly on similar pattern and with same objectives as that of Scheme on Agrotextiles for North Eastern Region. This has been introduced in the year 2015 for a period of two years (2015-16 and 2016-17) with a fund outlay of Rs. 5.00 crore. The State-wise details is at Annex-II.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. Both the above mentioned schemes are being implemented directly by M/o Textiles, Government of India. As such, no central assistance has been given under these schemes directly to any states including Maharashtra.